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**COMMENTS INVITED ON APPLICATION OF  
COMCAST PHONE OF MARYLAND, INC. D/B/A COMCAST DIGITAL  
PHONE TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
SERVICES**

WC Docket No. 06-204  
Comp. Pol. File No. 769

Comments Due: November 28, 2006

**Section 214 Application**

**Applicant: Comcast Phone of Maryland, Inc. d/b/a Comcast Digital Phone**

On October 31, 2006, Comcast Phone of Maryland, Inc. d/b/a Comcast Digital Phone (Comcast or Applicant), located at 1500 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102, filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) requesting authority, under section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue the provision of certain telecommunications services to customers located in the state of Maryland. By an amendment filed November 6, 2006, Comcast corrected certain deficiencies in its initial application and updated the record regarding notice to customers. Accordingly, Comcast's application is deemed complete as of November 6, 2006.

Comcast indicates that it provides interstate and intrastate telecommunications services to residential customers in various portions of Maryland. Comcast states that it intends to discontinue the provision of local exchange, interexchange, and international telephone services to twenty-four residential customers located in one multiple dwelling unit located at 801 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Laurel, MD 20707.<sup>1</sup> Comcast indicates that it plans to discontinue services to these specific customers on or about December 7, 2006, but no earlier than thirty-one days after the Commission releases public notice of its filing. Comcast, however, clarifies that residential customers located elsewhere in Maryland will not be affected by the proposed discontinuance because it is not seeking authority to discontinue service to any other residential customers in Maryland. Comcast indicates that it provided notice of its proposed discontinuance to all affected residential customers by letters sent on October 31, 2006, and that it will assist these customers during their transition to new carriers. Finally, Cablevision states that it is a non-dominant carrier in the local exchange, interstate, and interexchange markets.

<sup>1</sup> Discontinuance of international service is governed by 47 C.F.R. § 63.19.

In accordance with section 63.71(c) of the Commission's rules, Comcast's application will be deemed to be automatically granted on the thirty-first (31st) day after the release date of this public notice, unless the Commission notifies Comcast that the grant will not be automatically effective. Accordingly, pursuant to section 63.71(c), absent further Commission action, Comcast may terminate service to its affected customers on **December 15, 2006**. The Commission will normally authorize proposed discontinuances of service unless it is shown that customers or other end users would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier, or that the public convenience and necessity would be otherwise adversely affected.

This proceeding is considered a "permit but disclose" proceeding for purposes of the Commission's ex parte rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200-1.1216. Comments objecting to this application must be filed with the Commission on or before **November 28, 2006**. Such comments should refer to **WC Docket No. 06-204** and **Comp. Pol. File No. 769**. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance on the commenter, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the website for submitting comments. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, filers should send an e-mail to [ecfs@fcc.gov](mailto:ecfs@fcc.gov), and include the following words in the body of the message, "get form." A sample form and directions will be sent in response.

Parties who choose to file by paper must send an original and four (4) copies of the comments to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. The Commission's contractor will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express, and Priority mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

Two (2) copies of the comments should also be sent to the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-C327, Washington, D.C. 20554, Attention: Carmell Weathers. In addition, comments should be served upon the Applicant. Commenters are also requested to fax their comments to the FCC at (202) 418-1413, Attention: Carmell Weathers.

The application will be available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C.

20554, (202) 418-0270. A copy of the application may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, telephone (202) 488-5300, facsimile (202) 488-5563, or via e-mail at [FCC@BCPIWEB.COM](mailto:FCC@BCPIWEB.COM). People with Disabilities: To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (TTY).

For further information, contact Carmell Weathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), [carmell.weathers@fcc.gov](mailto:carmell.weathers@fcc.gov), or Rodney McDonald, (202) 418-7513 (voice), [rodney.mcdonald@fcc.gov](mailto:rodney.mcdonald@fcc.gov) of the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau. The TTY number is (202) 418-0484. For further information on procedures regarding section 214 please visit [http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/cpd/other\\_adjud](http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/cpd/other_adjud).

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